

LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: ANSI – Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A14 Committee Meeting –
American Ladder Institute

DATE OF MEETINGS: October 19, 2022

LOCATION: Zurich North America, Schaumburg, IL

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Thomas Caton

COMMISSION ATTENDEE(S): Thomas Caton (virtually)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ANSI - ASC A14 Committee for attendee list

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Background: This was the semi-annual meeting of the ANSI ASC A14 Committee and was held with the new American Ladder Institute (ALI) manager, Thomas Associates, Inc. The label task force is continuing their studies. It was indicated that UL 969 Standards for Marking and Labeling provides for products used indoors/outdoors or just indoors. For example, it was presented that the force requirement for applying a label differs between A14.2 and A14.8. It was suggested that a review of standard conformity may be needed.

The chair of sub-committee A14.1 Wood Ladders is retiring, and a new chair was selected. Revisions of A14.2 Metal Ladders and A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders are almost ready for review. A14.5 may need clarification of the required low temperature impact test location. The revision of A14.3 Fixed Ladder is ready for administrative review. The A14.7 Mobile Ladder Stands & Platforms standard has been withdrawn but standards marketers are still selling it; those present recommended that future sales of this withdrawn standard should be marked on future sold copies that it has been withdrawn. A14.8 Accessories is scheduled for review by 2025. The difference between an attic ladder and an attic stairway as defined in A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways has been clarified for this standards 4th quarter 2024 revision. There was nothing new to report for A14.11 Step Stools.

The ASC A14 Committee is planning for a successful National Ladder Safety Month during March 2023. The tentative date for the next semi-annual ASC A14 Committee meeting is March 21, 2023. The meeting will continue to be a choice of in-person or virtual.

Summary: Overall, the planned revisions of the various ANSI A14 Ladder Standards that are to be done between 2023 and 2025 are on schedule.